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RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed September 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The human LIG46 cDNA described below (SEQ ID NO:13) has a 1191 nucleotide open reading frame which encodes a 397 amino acid protein (SEQ ID NO:14). This protein includes a predicted signal sequence of about 32 amino acids (from amino acid 1 to about amino acid 32 of SEQ ID NO:14) and a predicted mature protein of about 365 amino acids (from about amino acid 33 to amino acid 397 of SEQ ID NO:14).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 24, line 29, with the following rewritten paragraph:

A nucleic acid fragment encoding a "biologically active portion of LIG46" can be prepared by isolating a portion of SEQ ID NO:1 or SEQ ID NO:3 which encodes a polypeptide having a LIG46 biological activity, expressing the encoded portion of LIG46 (e.g., by recombinant expression *in vitro*) and assessing the activity of the encoded portion of LIG46. For

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